GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2499
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RATIFICATION OF UN CONVENTION
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has ratified the United Nations Convention against torture and other cruel, in human degrading treatment or punishment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), (b) & (c) India signed the UN Convention against Torture and other cruel, inhuman degrading treatment or punishment on October 14, 1997. India has, however not yet ratified the Convention because the need to amend our legislation to bring it in conformity with the provisions of the Convention is under examination. As soon as this process is complete and the necessary amendment of legislation, if found necessary, enacted, the Government will be in a position to ratify the Convention.